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FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar. Address of Plaintiff: 622 Beechwood Avenue, Collingdale PA 19023 AND 79 Burnside Avenue, Sharon Hill PA 19079 Address of Defendant: 1560 Delmar Drive, Folcroft PA 19032 AND 200 Yale Avenue, Morton PA 19070 Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: The Delaware County Alternative School's school bus (Use Reverse Side For Additional Space) Does this civil action involve a nongovernmental corporate party with any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock? (Attach two copies of the Disclosure Statement Form in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 7.1(a)) Yes□ No 🗵 Yes□ No 🛛 Does this case involve multidistrict litigation possibilities? RELATED CASE, IF ANY: Case Number: Judge Date Terminated: Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions: 1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? 2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? Yes□ 3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously Yes□ No 🛛 terminated action in this court? 4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual? Yes□ No ⊠ CIVIL: (Place ✓ in ONE CATEGORY ONLY) A. Federal Ouestion Cases: B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases: 1. □ Indemnity Contract, Marine Contract, and All Other Contracts 1. □ Insurance Contract and Other Contracts 2. 

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### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

C.J. BUONADONNA, a minor, by his parent and Natural guardian, Athena M. Blythe 622 Beechwood Avenue Collingdale, PA 19023

DYLAN FONNER, A minor, by his parent and Natural guardian, Jackee Fonner 79 Burnside Avenue Sharon Hill, PA 19079

Plaintiffs,

vs.

SOUTHEAST DELCO SCHOOL DISTRICT 1560 Delmar Drive Folcroft, PA 19032

DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT 200 Yale Avenue, Morton, PA 19070

and

HYKEEM GREEN (official and individual capacity)

Defendants.

**CIVIL ACTION NO.:** 

**District Judge** 

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, SECTION 1983 OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, FALSE IMPRISONMENT, INTENTIONAL, STATE CREATED DANGER, INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS, LOSS OF CONSORTIUM

Plaintiffs, C.J. Buonadonna and Dylan Fonner, minors, by way of Complaint against defendants hereby aver as follows:

### **PARTIES**

- Plaintiff, Athena M. Blythe is an adult individual and citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, residing at 622 Beachwood Avenue Collingdale, PA 19023. Plaintiff C.J. Buonadonna, a minor, is the son of plaintiff Athena M. Blythe, and is an individual and citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, residing with his mother at the aforementioned address.
- 2. Plaintiff, Jackee Fonner is an adult individual and citizen of the state of Pennsylvania, residing at 79 Burnside Avenue Sharon Hill, PA 19079. Plaintiff Dylan Fonner, a minor, is the son of Plaintiff Jackee Fonner, and is an individual and citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, residing with his mother at the aforementioned address.
- 3. Defendant, Southeast Delco School District, was and still is a public domestic entity duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with a principal place of business located at 1560 Delmar Drive Folcroft, Pennsylvania 19032; hereinafter referred to as "District."
- 4. Defendant, Delaware County Intermediate Unit is a state sponsored regional education services agency that provides special education and technical training within Pennsylvania; hereinafter referred to as "DCIU."
- 5. Defendant, Hykeem Green, is an individual and citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania whose residence address is unknown, but during the time of the incidents described herein was an employee of defendant District and DCIU.
- 6. At all times mentioned herein, Green was acting under the color of law in his official capacity as an employee of defendant District and DCIU.

### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 7. The above paragraphs are repeated and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
- 8. The Court has jurisdiction over the lawsuit because the action arises under the laws and Constitution of the United States, in particular, the Fourteenth Amendment and 42 <a href="U.S.C.A. § 1983"><u>U.S.C.A. § 1983</u></a>. Plaintiffs C.J. Buonadonna and Dylan Fonner were deprived of their rights under the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment when Defendant Green held plaintiffs against their will on a school bus where they were viciously assaulted and battered while under his control and protection.
- 9. During the assault, Defendant Green was engaged in his capacity as a state actor.
- 10. The Court has supplemental jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1367 over plaintiff's claims arising under State law, including false imprisonment, and the intentional infliction of emotional distress because these claims are so related to the claims within the Court's original jurisdiction that they form part of the same case or controversy under Article 3 of the United States Constitution.
- 11. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to <u>28 U.S.C. § 1391</u>, as the claims at issue arose in this judicial district.

### **COMPLAINT GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 12. The above paragraphs are repeated and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
- 13. On October 9, 2013, plaintiffs, C.J. Buonadonna and Dylan Fonner, were students in the District attending an alternative school supervised by the DCIU.

- 14. On October 9, 2013, both C.J Buonadonna and Dylan Fonner suffered instances of teasing and bullying while at the Delaware County Alternative High School operated by the DCIU.
- 15. On October 9, 2013 at approximately 2:30 PM, C.J. Buonadonna and Dylan Fonner were leaving The Delaware County Alternative School on a school bus owned and operated by District and DCIU.
- 16. The bus described above was being driven by defendant Hykeem Green.
- 17. As of October 9, 2013 defendant Hykeem Green was an employee of defendant District and DCIU.
- 18. Upon hiring defendant Green, the District and DCIU were aware of Green's previous traffic infractions.
- 19. Upon hiring defendant Green, the District and DCIU were aware of his criminal history for assault and false imprisonment.
- 20. At some point during the bus ride, three students on the bus who had been involved in bullying and teasing Plaintiffs earlier in the day, started harassing plaintiffs Buonadonna and Fonner by verbally accusing them of being racists.
- 21. Shortly thereafter, after harassing Plaintiff Fonner verbally, one of the bullies walked up behind plaintiff Fonner and said, "I's a coming up, get ready, it's about to get real up up up oh shit oh shit oh shit, you wanna move."
- 22. At the time, Plaintiffs were seated in the front row of the bus, approximately 6 feet or less from Defendant Green.
- 23. Defendant Green then said to the first bully standing behind Plaintiff Fonner, "Yo, leave him alone man for real."

- 24. The bully then punched Plaintiff Fonner in the face four times while defendant Green watched.
- 25. Defendant Green was still watching when Plaintiff Fonner stood up and verbally confronted his assailant by accusing him of a hate crime, and saying he would "fucking tell," to which his assailant replied, "you ain't fucking telling."
- 26. Defendant Green then said "You all gotta sit down man."
- 27. Then, the second male bully hit Fonner in the face and knocked him into Plaintiff Buonadonna.
- 28. Plaintiff Fonner then stood up and asked to be let off of the bus.
- 29. Defendant Green then stated to Plaintiffs, "I can't let you off the bus man."
- 30. Then, one of the bullies immediately said to Plaintiffs, "He can't let you off the bus."
- 31. Plaintiff Fonner then said, "I'll call my mom if you don't let us off the bus," but defendant Green still refused to let Fonner or Buonadonna off the bus.
- 32. Immediately after Defendant Green refused to let Plaintiffs off the bus, one of the bullies said "yo, that's it plain and simple", and the other cheered "wooooooooooo."
- 33. After defendant Green refused to let Plaintiffs off the bus, the bullies stopped filming and continued to threaten and batter the Plaintiffs.
- 34. At no time while the plaintiffs were on the bus did defendant Green attempt to call 911 or his bus dispatcher to seek help for the plaintiffs.
- 35. Only upon reaching Plaintiff Buonadonna's residence, defendant Green eventually let both Plaintiffs off the bus.
- 36. While getting off the bus, Defendant Green was aware that both boys were injured and bleeding but did nothing to assist them.

- 37. At no time, even after the plaintiffs left the bus did Defendant Green alert the police that an assault had occurred upon the plaintiffs.
- 38. At no time, even after plaintiffs left the bus, did anyone from District or DCUI report this incident to police.
- 39. Defendant District and DCIU failed to train defendant Green regarding what actions to take during a student assault on a school bus.
- 40. Defendant District and DCIU had a policy to keep children on a school bus until their assigned stops even while students were being battered, and facing an immediate threat of continued danger to life and liberty.
- 41. Defendant District and DCIU failed to train employees regarding actions to be taken if an emergency occurred on its bus.
- 42. Defendant District and DCIU's policies resulted in Plaintiffs being kept on a bus against their will and suffered physical and emotional injuries.
- 43. Defendant District and DCIU's policies resulted in Plaintiffs sustaining multiple assaults and batteries.
- 44. Defendant Green was never disciplined by District or DCIU regarding the above mentioned incident of October 9, 2013.

#### COUNT I

## PLAINTIFFS C.J BUONADONNA AND DYLAN FONNER VS. SOUTHEAST DELCO SCHOOL DISTRICT AND DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT FAILURE TO TRAIN, SUPERVISE AND DISCIPLINE HYKEEM GREEN UNDER MONELL

45. The above paragraphs are repeated and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.

- 46. Defendant District and DCIU's failure to supervise, train, discipline or otherwise sanction defendant Hykeem Green properly caused C.J Buonadonna and Dylan Fonners' to be deprived of their personal liberty to be free of assaults which subsequently caused the plaintiffs to incur serious injuries.
- 47. Defendant District and DCIU failed to train its bus driver employee, defendant Hykeem Green, with respect to the constitutional, statutory and departmental limits of his employment authority.
- 48. Defendant, District and DCIU, was on actual notice of the need to train, supervise, discipline or terminate defendant Green, prior to the incident in question, as other similar incidents had occurred in the past involving criminal acts engaged in by Green either during or before the scope of his employment.

# COUNT II PLAINTIFFS C.J BUONADONNA AND DYLAN FONNER VS. HYKEEM GREEN THE RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS UNDER THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, FALSE IMPRISONMENT, FAILURE TO INTERVENE, AND DEPRIVATIONS OF LIBERTY UNDER SECTION 1983 OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

- 49. The above paragraphs are repeated and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
- 50. The above actions of defendant Green resulted in a failure to intervene and false imprisonment of Plaintiffs that additionally resulted in repeated assaults upon them and deprived them of their liberty to be free from assaults.
- 51. The above actions of defendants District and Green demonstrate deliberate indifference to the consequences of C.J Buonadonna and Dylan Fonner's deprivation of constitutional rights.

52. The above actions of defendants Green and District, through their shocking and outrageous behavior, caused the deprivation of C.J Buonadonna and Dylan Fonner's constitutional rights.

### COUNT III PLAINTIFFS C.J BUONADONNA AND DYLAN FONNER VS. HYKEEM GREEN INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

- 53. The above paragraphs are repeated and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
- 54. The above described actions including the false imprisonment and subsequent assault and battery on plaintiffs C.J. Buonadonna and Dylan Fonner constitutes outrageous behavior by defendant Green, as a result of this C.J. Buonadonna and Dylan Fonner have sustained severe and significant emotional damage that have ongoing physical symptoms.

# COUNT IV PLAINTIFFS C.J BUONADONNA AND DYLAN FONNER VS. SOUTHEAST DELCO SCHOOL DISTRICT, DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT AND HYKEEM GREEN STATE CREATED DANGER

- 55. The above paragraphs are repeated and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
- 56. The defendants placed plaintiffs in harms way when the their actions created and exacerbated a danger to the plaintiffs by affirmatively preventing Plaintiffs' Fonner and Buonadonna from reaching an area of safety where Plaintiff Fonner could have safely called his mother to intervene.
- 57. The intent and/or deliberate indifference and/or negligence by the Defendants created the danger of the plaintiffs' subsequent battery and injuries, and heightened plaintiffs' vulnerabilities to precisely the abuses and violations described above.

58. Defendant, district, did not revoke the employment or correct the problems of defendant Hykeem Green's actions and thus defendant district's deliberate indifference, led to the continued employment of defendant Green which created a dangerous condition and drew the plaintiffs into a dangerous situation on October 9, 2013.

# COUNT V ATHENA BLYTHE AND JACKEE FONNER VS. SOUTHEAST DELCO SCHOOL DISTRICT, DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT AND HYKEEM GREEN LOSS OF CONSORTIUM

- 59. The above paragraphs are repeated and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
- 60. Plaintiff, Athena Blythe, is, and at all relevant times has been, the mother of Plaintiff, C.J. Buonadonna.
- 61. Plaintiff, Jackee Fonner, is, and at all relevant times has been, the mother of Plaintiff, Dylan Fonner.
- 62. As a direct and proximate result of the actions of the defendants, plaintiff C.J. Buonadonna has endured pain, suffering, and has been irretrievably altered and damaged.
- 63. As a direct and proximate cause of the actions of the defendants, Plaintiff, Athena Buonadonna, has lost her son's consortium, including his society, companionship, and affection.
- 64. As a direct and proximate cause of the actions of the defendants, Plaintiff, Athena Buonadonna, has provided significant home care assistance to her son, while incurring medical and related expenses.
- 65. As a direct and proximate result of the actions of the defendants, plaintiff Dylan Fonner has endured pain, suffering, lost and has been irretrievably altered and damaged.

- 66. As a direct and proximate cause of the actions of the defendants, Plaintiff, Jackee Fonner, has lost her son's consortium, including his society, companionship, and affection.
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## PLAINTIFFS C.J. BUONADONNA AND DYLAN FONNER VS. SOUTHEAST DELCO SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT AND HYKEEM GREEN DAMAGES

- 68. The above paragraphs are repeated and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
- 69. As a direct and proximate result of the defendants' conduct, plaintiffs suffered physical injuries, pain and suffering in the past and future, severe mental anguish in the past and future and were deprived of their State and Federal Constitutional Rights as aforementioned, and will suffer economic damages and were otherwise damaged.
- 70. The plaintiffs have suffered and will suffer in the future from permanent residuals.

### **ATTORNEYS FEES**

- 71. The above paragraphs are repeated and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
- 72. It was necessary for the plaintiffs to hire the undersigned attorney to file this lawsuit.

  Upon judgment, plaintiffs are entitled to an award of attorney fees and costs under 42

  U.S.C. § 1988 (b).

### **PRAYER**

73. The above paragraphs are repeated and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.

74. Plaintiffs demand judgment against defendant District and DCIU individually, jointly and/or in the alternative for: compensatory damages, attorney fees, interest and costs of suit and such relief as the Court may deem just and equitable.

75. Plaintiffs demand judgment against defendant Hykeem Green, individually, jointly and/or in the alternative for: compensatory damages, punitive damages, attorney fees, interest and costs of suit and such relief as the Court may deem just and equitable.

### PLAINTIFFS DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL

76. Plaintiffs assert their rights under the Seventh Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and demands, in accordance with the Federal Rule 38, a trial by jury on all issues.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH OXMAN, ESQUIRE

Attorney for Plaintiffs

### **VERIFICATION**

The undersigned hereby verifies that the within document is based on first-hand information and on information furnished to counsel and obtained by him in the course of this lawsuit. The language of the document is that of counsel and not of the affiant. To the extent that the documents are based on information furnished to counsel and obtained by him during the course of this lawsuit, affiant has relied upon counsel in taking this verification. All statements are founded upon reasonable belief. This verification is made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. Section 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

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PLAINTIFF

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